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Our Weil Gotschal friends may have violated the confidentiality provision.

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DeCSS Source Included in Lawsuit Filings

By Nate Mook, eFront

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Word has begun to spread around the Net today that the source for DeCSS has been included in the public court records filed by the DVD Copy Control Association against Webmasters and distributors of the DVD decryption application. Once again proving the lack of understanding that DeCSS itself is not the problem but rather the protocol itself, the source is now available for public consumption and will undoubtedly lead to more decryption programs. After a California Superior Court issued an injunction Friday barring the distribution of DeCSS, this mistake may turn things around for proponents of DeCSS and civil liberties. A copy of the lawsuit filings may be viewed at <http://cryptome.org/dvd-hoy-reply.htm>.

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De... wha/ Posted by cindica on 2000-01-25 02:59:09

Hey, DeCSS. I would have never heard of it if it weren't being sued!! Now where do I find it? What a wonderful idea dvd companies. [Reply to this comment]

Full Source? Posted by chrismarts on 2000-01-24 19:15:29

I checked out the site and noticed a chunk of code as described in the article. Is that the full source-code with the keys embedded in it? And if so, what kind of idiots are running the show at the California Superior Court??

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Re: Full Source? Posted by bowersm on 2000-01-24 20:54:15

Same as always, Stupid ones....

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Re: Full Source? Posted by kwiley on 2000-01-25 09:04:30

The problem is not SOTA but SOTL (state of the law). If it's pertinent to the case and there, then it becomes part of the public record. The sensible solution would have been fix dvd to prevent the decryption (but a short term solution since anything that can be hidden can be uncovered, given enough time and resources) and forget about taking it from a situation where a small group of people knew about the software to one where it's now on the 6 o'clock news and everyone knows about it. Don't blame the CSC, blame the lawyers for the DVD industry who were more interested in billable hours than they were in actually protecting their client's interests. [Reply to this comment]

